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PUC INVESTIGATION LEADS TO CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST XTREME LIMOUSINE SERVICE

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1, 2006 - California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) staff, after investigating and determining that Xtreme Limousine Service was operating illegally, submitted the results of its investigation to the Corruption, Fraud and Enforcement Unit in the Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney, requesting that a criminal complaint be filed against Teka Enterprises, Inc., dba Xtreme Limousine Service.

The owners of the company, Siranush Kazanchyan and Nubar Terzyan were charged with multiple misdemeanor counts for operating and advertising without a charter-party permit issued by the Commission.

The investigation also disclosed that Xtreme Limousine did not carry the required minimum public liability insurance coverage of \$5 million for the 53-foot Hummer Limousine used in its operation. In one instance, PUC staff personally observed this vehicle running on the freeway with a carload full of kids.

Each count of operating without a permit and failing to maintain records carries a maximum penalty of three months in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine. Each count of advertising as a charter-party carrier without a valid PUC permit carries a maximum penalty of six months in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine.

Arraignment was held in LA Superior Court on February 22, 2006. An attorney representing Xtreme appeared and asked for a continuance, which was granted for March 16, 2006.

The Public Utilities Code makes it a crime to engage in transporting passengers for compensation over the public highways without a valid PUC license. The PUC suggests that consumers check to see whether a limousine company is licensed with the Commission before contracting with the company by calling the Commission at 1-800-877-8867. If consumers have a complaint that they cannot resolve with the carrier, call the Commission at 1-800-894-9444 to file a complaint.

For more information on passenger carriers, please visit:
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